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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CARCINOGENECITY OF AMINOPYRINE

1. ACCORDING TO VERNACULAR PRESS REPORTS, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE (MHW) RECENTLY ORDERED 78 PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS IN JAPAN TO TEST AMINOPYRINE FOR CARCINOGENECITY AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO MHW BY SEPT. 16. MINISTRY WILL ALSO CONDUCT TESTS AT ITS NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HYGIENIC SCIENCES. MINISTRY ACTION REPORTEDLY WAS PROMPTED BY ALLEGATION THAT AMINOPYRINE, SUBSTANCE USED IN COLD TABLETS TO ASSUAGE PAIN AND ALLEVIATE FEVER, CAN BECOME CARCINOGENIC IN THE HUMAN STOMACH WHEN COMBINED WITH NITRITE, A FOOD ADDITIVE.

2. EARLY LAST YEAR, MHW WARNED DRUG MANUFACTURERS AGAINST USING AMINOPYRINE IN NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON GROUND THAT THE SUBSTANCE IS LIKELY TO CAUSE BLOOD DISORDER. CONSEQUENTLY, AMINOPYRINE IS NOW USED ONLY IN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

3. AS SOON AS REPORTS ON AMINOPYRINE APPEARED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL PRESS, CITIZEN'S GROUP KEEPING WATCH ON DRUGS DEMANDED THAT COLD TABLETS CONTAINING AMINOPYRINE BE RECALLED IMMEDIATELY. GROUP PROTESTED THAT MHW ORDER HAD BEEN DIRECTED ONLY TO DRUG MANUFACTURERS WITHOUT SOUNDING WARNING TO CONSUMERS.

4. FYI: IF FDA HAS ANY INFO ON CARCINOGENIC

PROPERTIES OF AMINOPYRINE WHICH CAN BE PASSED TO GOJ,
IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE TO DO SO.
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